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SUBJECT: HOST COUNTRY MILITARY TRAINING

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- 1. THE ECUADOREAN ARMED FORCES DO NOT HAVE ANY PLANS TO ESTABLISH NEW, BROAD-GAUGED MILITARY SCHOOLS ALONG THE LINES OF THE "SCHOOL OF THE AMERICAS". ECUADOR HAS BEEN A HEAVY USER OF SCHOOL OF THE AMERICAS PROGRAMS, AND WE ANTICIPATE THAT THE ARMED FORCES WOULD UTILIZE AN ALTERNATE THAT PROVIDED GOOD TRAINING, IN SPANISH, AT EQUAL OR REDUCED COST.
- 2. ECUADOR HAS THE FOLLOWING TRAINING/ACTIVE DUTY ASSIGNMENT RELATIONS WITH OTHER COUNTRIES (NOT ALL OF THESE ASSIGNMENTS REFLECT A PERMANENT ARRANGMENT, BUT AN INCREASING NUMBER OF THEM PROBABLY DO):

A. BRAZIL: SIX ECUADOREAN NAVAL OFFICERS (FIVE IN SUB-MARINE TRAINING, ONE IN HELICOPTER TRAINING), ONE AIR FORCE OFFICER (THREE-YEAR AERONAUTICAL ENGINERRING COURSE), AND ONE MARINE CORPS OFFICER (JUNGLE WARFARE TRAINING) CONFIDENTIAL

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ARE CURRENTLY IN BRAZIL. AT THE SAME TIME, TWO BRAZILIAN AIR FORCE COLONELS ARE ASSIGNED AS INSTRUCTORS IN ECUADOR'S AIR WAR ACADEMY AND ONE NAVAL CAPTAIN AS AN INSTRUCTOR AT THE NAVAL WAR ACADEMY.

B. UNITED KINGDOM: TWO ECUADOREAN NAVAL OFFICERS (BOTH IN GRADUATE OCEANOGRAPHIC STUDIES) AND TWO AIR FORCE OFFICERS (JAGUAR PILOT TRAINING) ARE PRESENTLY IN

THE U.K. ONE RAF OFFICER (ALONG WITH SOME 13-14 BRITISH CIVILIANS) IS PRESENTLY IN ECUADOR PROVIDING JAGUAR INSTRUCTION.

C. FRANCE: ONE ECUADOREAN AIR FORCE OFFICER (C&GS COLLEGE) IS PRESENTLY IN FRANCE WHILE A THREE MAN FRENCH ARMY DETACHMENT IS CURRENTLY IN ECUADOR TRAINING THE ARMY ON MAINTENANCE OF RECAL COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT.

D. CHILE: TWO ECUADOREAN AIR FORCE CADETS (NAVIGATOR TRAINING), TWO NAVY OFFICERS (SUBMARINE TRAINING) AND FIVE OFFICERS AND TEN ENLISTED PERSONNEL (GENERAL NAVAL TRAINING) ARE PRESENTLY IN CHILE.

E. ISRAEL: ONE ECUADOREAN ARMY OFFICER (FLIGHT TRAINING) IS PRESENTLY IN ISRAEL.

F. ARGENTINA: ONE ECUADOREAN NAVY OFFICER IS ATTENDING AN AVIATION COURSE AND ONE ENSIGN IS IN PILOT TRAINING IN ARGENTINA.

G. VENEZUELA: ONE ECUADOREAN NAVAL OFFICER (NAVAL WAR COLLEGE) IS PRESENTLY IN VENEZUELA. CORR

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